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The total number of births registered was 637 (318 boys and 319 girls), against 639 in 1895. This is an annual birth rate of 31.8 per thousand of the population.



# I N F E C T I O U S   D I S E A S E S

The total number of cases of infectious sickness notified under the Act was 111, against 113 last year and 126 in 1894. They were, in order of frequency, as follows.

Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	50
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	32
Typhoid Fever	..	..	..	..	..	20
Puerperal Fever..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Membranous Croup.	..	..	..	..	..	2
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	1

## S C A R L E T   F E V E R

Fifty cases of this disease were notified during the year, three of which proved fatal. The disease did not at any time assume epidemic proportions. Detailed instructions were given in every case as to isolating the patient as much as possible, and as to keeping other children of the family away from School. By these means, and the judicious use of disinfectants, it was in nearly every case found possible to confine the disease to the family affected. This disorder seems to have become much less malignant in its nature during the last five or six years, but this renders it all the more difficult to stamp out, as many of the cases are so mild as to require no treatment, and in the summer time cases have come to my knowledge of children who were sent from School in the peeling stage by the Teacher, and there are doubtless many cases which run the whole course without being recognised. These children play in the streets and go to School, infecting all susceptible persons with whom they come in contact. It is these mild cases which baffle the Sanitary Authorities, even in those towns towns which have adopted the expensive system of Isolation Hospitals for the stamping out of this disease.

## E R Y S I P E L A S

Thirty-two cases of this disorder were notified, one of which ended fatally. The majority of these cases were mild, and of no sanitary significance.

## T Y P H O I D   F E V E R

Twenty cases of Typhoid Fever were registered during the year, and two deaths were caused thereby. This is a great improvement on last year, when the number of cases was 25 and the number of deaths five. The mortality from Typhoid this year is below the average of the last seven years. The cases were mostly isolated ones, attributable to local insanitary conditions. The patients were isolated in their homes as much as possible and disinfectants used, and in nearly every instance the disease was limited to the patient first attacked.

## P U E R P E R A L   F E V E R

Four cases of puerperal fever arose during the year, all of which recovered

## C R O U P

Two fatal cases of croup occurred.

## D I P H T H E R I A

There was only one case of diphtheria notified, which recovered.





## M E A S L E S

Several cases of Measles occurred during the month of January, and two deaths were registered as due to this cause.

## W H O O P I N G C O U G H

The only approach to an epidemic which occurred was of whooping cough, during the last six weeks of the year, and this disease of childhood, of which so little is thought, had the effect of adding seven to our otherwise light zymotic death list.

## D I A R R H O E A.

Diarrhea was not nearly as prevalent as in previous summers, but still there were 18 deaths due to this disorder. They occurred in the months of July and August and were mostly of children under one year of age.

## W A T E R S U P P L Y

The Water supply to the Borough from the Corporation Waterworks was abundant in quantity, and at all times of excellent quality. As a matter of course the supply was abundant during this year of superabundant rainfall, but the Corporation, bearing in mind that during the several years of exceptional drought which have preceded this one the quantity of water stored was more than once insufficient, have very wisely determined to utilize to the fullest the water supply of the Blackbrook. With this object in view they are promoting a Bill in Parliament to enable them to borrow money and to do such other things as may be necessary to enable them to construct such a Reservoir as will impound the waters of that Brook, and so place them in a position to be able to supply, in the important matter of water, the increasing requirements of this growing town.

## S E W A G E D I S P O S A L S C A V E N G I N G, &c.

The Sewage Disposal Works have been acting admirably during the year.

With regard to scavenging, I am sorry I cannot speak of the manner in which it is done in the same laudatory tone as of the other matters treated in this report, because I have frequently found in making my official visitations overflowing, and overfull and leaking middens, leaking pan-closets, traces of filth left in the roadway-where the scavenging carts were filled, and trails of filth in the roadway from leaking or overfull carts.

For the remedying of these conditions the recommendations in my Annual Report of 1894, with regard to duplicate pans, &c, hold good, but more than that, greater care and a more perfect systematic inspection of house refuse receptacles, is necessary.

In connection with this matter it may be as well to state that most of the typhoid cases were attributed to local insanitary conditions, such as I have just mentioned. It is humiliating to have to report to the Sanitary Authority that cases of infectious



diseases have arisen in consequence of nuisances which ought to have been detected early, or prevented altogether. Regular systematic inspections would find out insanitary conditions and nuisances prejudicial to health before cases of infectious disease, caused thereby, drew attention to them. I think some rearrangement of the duties of your Inspector of Nuisances should be considered by the Health Committee.

From the Inspector's Report will be seen details of sanitary work accomplished during the year.

Appended is a tabulated statement of deaths during the year, classified according to diseases, ages and localities; together with a tabulated statement of population, births, new cases of infectious sickness, &c, also classified according to diseases and ages.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Corcoran,

Medical Officer of Health.

25 Victoria Street,  
Loughborough

14th January, 1897.

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TABULATED STATISTICS APPENDED TO THE REPORT.

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POPULATION (CENSUS 1891) 18,196.  
ESTIMATED TO MIDDLE OF 1896, 20,000.

Mortality from all causes at subjoined ages:-Under one year, 102; one and under five, 44; five and under fifteen, 16; fifteen and under twenty-five, 23; twenty-five and under sixty-five, 86; sixty-five and upwards, 68; total, 339.

Number of persons who died at Workhouse or Hospital, not belonging to the Borough, but included in the above figures 10.

Mortality from subjoined causes, under five years:-Membranous croup, 2; measles, 2; whooping cough, 7; diarrhea, and dysentery, 17; phthisis, 1; bronchitis, pneumonia and pleurisy, 34; heart disease, 3; injuries, 6; all other diseases, 74; total, 146. Five years and upwards:-Scarlatina, 3; enteric or typhoid, 2; erysipelas, 1; diarrhea and dysentery, 1; phthisis, 32; bronchitis, pneumonia and pleurisy, 24; heart disease, 32; injuries, 7; all other diseases, 94; total, 193.





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-SPECTOR OF NUISANCES, W.P. CLARIDGE.

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Accumulations removed, or Nuisances abated on recommend-  
-ation, or by informal notices served by Inspector of Nuisances:-

Defective drainage remedied	..	..	..	..	8
Dirty houses cleaned	..	..	..	..	7
Accumulations of manure	..	..	..	..	9
Privies reconstructed & pans substituted..	..	..	..	..	2

Description of Nuisances reported to Sanitary Authority  
and Orders received from Sanitary Authority to abate the same:-

Dirty animals kept so as to be a nuisance (pigs)	10				
Overcrowding & filthy houses	..	..	..	..	45
Defective drainage & sinks not properly trapped	12				
Insufficient privy accommodation or defective construction	23				
Accumulations of manure	..	..	..	..	5
Unwholesome food condemned and seized (fish)	..	1			
Number of Privies & Ashpits emptied during the year.	)	1853			

Pans and Dry ash tubs emptied weekly.

